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In re Application of: James M. Derderian

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
ASSEMBLIES INCLUDING A
NONCONFLUENT SPACER LAYER
(AMENDED)

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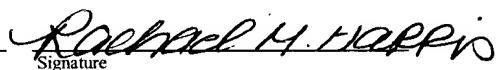
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on November 25, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 12 of this paper.